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Kappa Delta Pi and ISRA Paint a "Rainbow of Reading"

*Indiana educational organizations partner to bring educators
tools and inspiration for excellence in literacy*

Indianapolis, IN – January 30, 2008 – Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, announced today that the organization is partnering with the Indiana State Reading Association and the Council for Exceptional Children for the upcoming "Rainbow of Reading" conference to be held March 2-4 at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

"We all recognize the important role reading plays in academic achievement but also for success in life," said Faye Snodgrass, Executive Director of KDP. Indiana reading scores outranked national averages in the 2007 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) report card, but there's much more Indiana educators—in public, private, and homeschool settings—can do to help students develop into life-long readers. Part of KDP's role as a service organization promoting excellence in education is to support educators' reach toward exemplary practice in literacy. KDP's participation in the conference includes cosponsoring 20 work sessions on Tuesday, March 4, and hosting the Author Luncheon with Sharon Draper, 1997 Ohio Teacher of the Year and the author of *Copper Sun*, winner of the 2007 Coretta Scott King Award. Thanks to the support of corporate sponsor State Farm Insurance, KDP will be providing teachers who sign up with 175 complimentary subscriptions to the *New Teacher Advocate*, KDP's quarterly newsletter for beginning educators, and each participant will receive a copy of *Copper Sun*.

More than 60 conference workshops offer a wide range of experiential, inspiring, and hands-on sessions for beginning and experienced teachers. Contemporary topics include *MTV Learning: Music Videos*, *The ABCs of Cultural Understanding*, *Finding the Time to Enjoy Our Teaching*, and *Making Books Come Alive for Adolescent Readers*. General sessions present the expertise of leaders in education, touching on topics that include literacy for special needs' students, deepening reading comprehension, building reading stamina, multiethnic and multilingual literacy practices, and best practices in reading. Get registration forms by going to www.kdp.org or www.indianareads.org. Registration deadline is February 14, 2008.

About KDP

Founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois, Kappa Delta Pi is the largest honor society in education, representing 572 undergraduate and professional chapters and more than 45,000 active members. Its most distinguished members over the last century include Margaret Mead, Albert Einstein, George Washington Carver, and current leaders in education Howard Gardner, Maxine Greene, and Carol Gilligan. For more information about Kappa Delta Pi membership programs, teacher grants, and publications, please go to www.kdp.org.

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